

SENATE RESOLUTION 403—A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING BOYS TOWN ON ITS 90TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Mr. HAGEL (for himself and Mr. NELSON of Nebraska) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 403

Whereas on Wednesday, December 12, 2007, Boys Town celebrates the 90th anniversary of the date Father Flanagan founded Boys Town to serve hurting children and their families;

Whereas Father Flanagan's legacy, Boys Town, is a beacon of hope to thousands of young people across the Nation;

Whereas in 2006 nearly 450,000 children and families found help through the Boys Town National Hotline, including 34,000 calls from youth where hotline staff intervened to save a life or provide therapeutic counseling, and nearly 1,000,000 more children were assisted through outreach and training programs;

Whereas Boys Town continues to find new ways to bring healing and hope to more children and families;

Whereas new programs at Boys Town seek to increase the number of children assisted and bring resources and expertise to bear on the problems facing our Nation's children; and

Whereas Boys Town's mission is to change the way America cares for children and families by providing and promoting a continuum of care that strengthens them in mind, body, and spirit: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) expresses its heartfelt congratulations to the Boys Town family on the historic occasion of its 90th anniversary; and

(2) extends its thanks to the extraordinary Boys Town community for its important work with our Nation's children and families.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 3832. Mr. NELSON, of Nebraska submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 543, to improve Medicare beneficiary access by extending the 60 percent compliance threshold used to determine whether a hospital or unit of a hospital is an inpatient rehabilitation facility under the Medicare program; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

SA 3833. Mr. DEMINT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3830 proposed by Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. GREGG) to the amendment SA 3500 proposed by Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. GRASSLEY) to the bill H.R. 2419, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3834. Mrs. DOLE (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. LUGAR) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3630 submitted by Mrs. DOLE and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 2419, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3835. Mr. ENZI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3830 proposed by Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. GREGG) to the amendment SA 3500 proposed by Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. GRASSLEY) to the bill H.R. 2419, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3836. Mr. ENZI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment

SA 3830 proposed by Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. GREGG) to the amendment SA 3500 proposed by Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. GRASSLEY) to the bill H.R. 2419, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3837. Mr. ENZI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3830 proposed by Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. GREGG) to the amendment SA 3500 proposed by Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. GRASSLEY) to the bill H.R. 2419, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3838. Mr. ENZI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3830 proposed by Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. GREGG) to the amendment SA 3500 proposed by Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. GRASSLEY) to the bill H.R. 2419, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3839. Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3830 proposed by Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. GREGG) to the amendment SA 3500 proposed by Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. GRASSLEY) to the bill H.R. 2419, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3840. Mr. ENZI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3830 proposed by Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. GREGG) to the amendment SA 3500 proposed by Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. GRASSLEY) to the bill H.R. 2419, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3841. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 6, to move the United States toward greater energy independence and security, to increase the production of clean renewable fuels, to protect consumers from price gouging, to increase the energy efficiency of products, buildings, and vehicles, to promote research on and deploy greenhouse gas capture and storage options, and to improve the energy performance of the Federal Government, and for other purposes.

SA 3842. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to amendment SA 3841 proposed by Mr. REID to the bill H.R. 6, supra.

SA 3843. Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3500 proposed by Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. GRASSLEY) to the bill H.R. 2419, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3844. Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. GREGG) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 3830 proposed by Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. GREGG) to the amendment SA 3500 proposed by Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. GRASSLEY) to the bill H.R. 2419, supra.

SA 3845. Mr. HARKIN (for Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. DURBIN)) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 3539 proposed by Mr. DURBIN to the amendment SA 3500 proposed by Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. GRASSLEY) to the bill H.R. 2419, supra.

SA 3846. Mr. HARKIN (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2271, to authorize State and local governments to divest assets in companies that conduct business operations in Sudan, to prohibit United States Government contracts with such companies, and for other purposes.

SA 3847. Mr. HARKIN (for Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY)) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 3997, to amend

the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief and protections for military personnel, and for other purposes.

SA 3848. Mr. HARKIN (for Mr. BAUCUS) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 3997, supra.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 3832. Mr. NELSON of Nebraska submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 543, to improve Medicare beneficiary access by extending the 60 percent compliance threshold used to determine whether a hospital or unit of a hospital is an inpatient rehabilitation facility under the Medicare program; which was referred to the Committee on Finance; as follows:

On page 1, strike lines 3 through 5 and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Tim Johnson Inpatient Rehabilitation Preservation Act of 2007".

SA 3833. Mr. DEMINT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3830 proposed by Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. GREGG) to the amendment SA 3500 proposed by Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. GRASSLEY) to the bill H.R. 2419, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Beginning on page 10 of the amendment, strike line 3 and all that follows through line 19 on page 11, and insert the following:

"(6) Forbidding any public safety employer from negotiating a contract or memorandum of understanding that requires the payment of any fees to any labor organization as a condition of employment.

"(c) FAILURE TO MEET REQUIREMENTS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—If the Authority determines, acting pursuant to its authority under subsection (a), that a State does not substantially provide for the rights and responsibilities described in subsection (b), such State shall be subject to the regulations and procedures described in section 5.

"(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Paragraph (1) shall take effect on the date that is 2 years after the date of enactment of this subtitle.

"SEC. 5. ROLE OF FEDERAL LABOR RELATIONS AUTHORITY.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this subtitle, the Authority shall issue regulations in accordance with the rights and responsibilities described in section 4(b) establishing collective bargaining procedures for employers and public safety officers in States which the Authority has determined, acting pursuant to section 4(a), do not substantially provide for such rights and responsibilities.

"(b) ROLE OF THE FEDERAL LABOR RELATIONS AUTHORITY.—The Authority, to the extent provided in this subtitle and in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Authority, shall—

"(1) determine the appropriateness of units for labor organization representation;

"(2) supervise or conduct elections to determine whether a labor organization has been selected as an exclusive representative by a voting majority of the employees in an appropriate unit;